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Memorandum

TO: Planning and Operations Committee

DATE: June 1, 2004

FR: Executive Director

RE: Regional Airport Planning Committee (RAPC): ABAG/BCDC/MTC Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Revision

RAPC requests that the three regional agencies approve a revision to the current MOU that allows the:

1. committee to be expanded to include representatives from Sacramento, San Joaquin and Monterey Counties
2. Mineta San Jose (SJC), Oakland (OAK) and San Francisco (SFO) International Airports to appoint an executive-level staff person as committee alternates

RAPC Background

RAPC primarily serves as the regional forum that discusses various aviation issues that include airport system capacity needs, environmental issues related to airport air quality and noise, and development of improved ground access. RAPC has been in existence since the early 1970s, starting out with development of the region's first airport system plan. This plan has been periodically updated over the years with the involvement of various partner agencies and the public.

The Regional Airport System Plan (RASP) provides the air carrier and general aviation elements that are incorporated into MTC's Regional Transportation Plan, as required by state planning law. The RASP also is the basis for BCDC's airport policies in its San Francisco Bay Plan. The RASP's air carrier element was last updated in 2000, and the general aviation element was approved in 2003.

RAPC used to serve as an advisory committee to MTC and ABAG only. The number of BCDC members was increased in 1999 in recognition of BCDC's central role in approving bay fill for potential future airport capacity improvements. RAPC is currently a 19-member committee including MTC, ABAG and BCDC representatives, along with representation by the Air District, the three major commercial airports, general aviation airports, Caltrans and FAA; three at-large members are also included to provide local geographic balance on the committee. MTC representatives are: Commissioners Jim Sperling and Dean Chu; there is currently one MTC vacancy that needs to be filled.

Proposed RAPC MOU Revisions

RAPC has just begun to update the 2000 RASP (now called the Regional Airport System Planning Analysis, or RASPA). Given that Sacramento, San Joaquin and Monterey County residents use Bay Area airports, and that their commercial airports will likely be part of solutions designed to address projected Bay Area airport congestion in the RASP update, RAPC recommends that the MOU be revised so that representatives from these three counties are included as ex-officio, non-voting

members of the committee. One member from each county board of supervisors or airport board of directors has been selected, making RAPC a 22-member committee.

In addition, RAPC also recommends allowing the three commercial airports-SFO, SJC and Oak-to appoint an executive-level staff member as a committee alternate, representing their respective airport. This appointment is consistent with the more technical role that the executive staff will play as we update the RASPA.

Recommendation

RAPC discussed the MOU at its last two meetings. The Committee approved the MOU with the key features described above at its June 27, 2008 meeting. ABAG and BCDC are also seeking their board's approval of the MOU.

Staff therefore recommends that the Planning and Operations Committee authorize MTC's Executive Director or his designee to execute the RAPC MOU. The MOU will not become effective until ABAG and BCDC have signed the agreement as well.

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